FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per information provided by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, the number of doctors trained abroad and registered in various countries and the number of those reported to have returned to the country during the last three years arc as follows:—

Year ending	Number Re-registered	Number Returned
31-12-1989	5680	2744
31-12-1990	5813	2800
31-12-1991	5887	2835

(b) No such information is compiled.

(c) The cost of training one medical student for the entire course varies from Rs. 3 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs depending upon the institution where the student undergoes training.

(d) Incentives which *inter-alia* include better promotional avenues and allowances have been provided to Central Government doctors. Modern equipment and research facilities have also been provided in tertiary hospitals to make better use of the specialisation of doctors.

Vacancies in AIIMS, New Delhi

322. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies in Group "C & 'D' posts have been lying vacant in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in some categories of posts, candidates sponsored from various Employment Exchanges have been waiting for their interviews/selections for the last several months;

(c) if so, the detailed informations of all such posts against which, the nominees of Employment Exchanges have been awaiting in queue for the interviews/selections and the reasons for not conducting interviews/selections well in time; and

(d) the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) No Sir. It has been reported by AIIMS that the vacancies in Group *C and 'D' have arisen mainly due to cadre review which is at various stages of implementation. In a few categories, the Employment Exchanges had sent nominations in response to old requests made by the Institute and these nominations had to be kept pending to facilitate implementation of the cadre review where new recruitment rules are to be introduced. Recruitment action to fill these vacancies is in progress.

Increase in prices of petroleum and petroleum products

323. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of times the top 10 developing countries and India increased the prices of petroleum and petroleum products since 1989 to September, 1992 and the percentage of increase in prices during the period separately?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Information regarding prices in different countries is not being maintained.

As prices of petroleum products in India are administared, changes in prices in other countries will not be comparable.

While the average percentage increase in the price of other petroleum products has been indicated below, the price of

kerosene for domestic use was not increased on 20.3.1992 and 16.9.1992. It was decreased by 10% on 25.7.1991.

Date	% Increase
20.3.1990	10.57
15.10.1990	23.08
25.07.1991	5.80
16.09.1992	18.27

Withdrawal of Gulf surcharge

324. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 25 per cent hike imposed as Gulf surcharge have not been withdrawn despite the fact that the Gulf crisis was over in 1991 and the world crude prices had tumbled down to 18 dollars a barrel; and

(b) if so, what arc the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Gulf surcharge levy has not been withdrawn in view of the continued buoyancy in the crude oil prices.

Vacancies in Group 'D' Posts in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

325. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies in Group 'D' post (General Workmen) have been lying vacant in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in its Regional Office, Jeewan Bharati Building, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been awaiting in queue for their interviews/ selections since a very long time; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Demand by Maharashtra Govt, for second gas terminal

326. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM-RAO PATIL: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has requested for second gas terminal at USAR and allotment of more gas from Bombay High;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A proposal to this effect was received from the Government of Maharashtra in June, 1992.

(c) In view of the allocations already made within the availability of gas, additional allocations of gas are not being considered for the present.

Supply of gas to M/s. Tata Electric Company

327. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 1376 in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Gas supplies to M/s Tata Electric Company (TEC) has been restored; if so, when;